

14 September 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR ADPC

SUBJECT: Policy on Repatriation of Chinese and North Korean Prisoners of War

1. Attached is a memorandum, for the information of DCI from General Bradley, with an enclosure which is a policy proposal by the JCS for National Security Council consideration of the repatriation of Chinese and North Korean prisoners after all exchanges agreed to during armistice negotiations have been completed.

2. The JCS recommend that:

a. CINCPAC be authorized in his discretion not to repatriate Chinese or North Korean prisoners of war without their full consent.

b. Chinese prisoners of war who elect may be repatriated to Formosa if the individuals concerned are found acceptable to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

c. Adequate safeguards be provided whereby UN authorities interview immediately all prisoners remaining in Communist custody after the initial agreed exchanges are made, and a like provision be applicable to Communist prisoners in UN custody.

3. It is believed that the psychological advantages inherent are of such import as to warrant adoption of this proposed course of action. Foremost, it continues to support the UN Commander's promise of safe haven to those who voluntarily surrendered; and, secondarily, provides concrete evidence of the reliability and durability of asylum for escapees from terrorism under future circumstances and conditions.

4. Procedurally, this matter could be handled as follows:

a. The initial exchange of POW's, as provided in the armistice negotiations, include some Communist elements (non-defector or convalescent prisoners) expressly opposed to repatriation.

b. Accord to the objections of neutral observers and world opinion, and subsequently suspend forcible repatriation.

c. Withhold the

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c. Withhold the announcement of a policy pertaining to remaining prisoners until the UN interview board has completed individual prisoner interviews.

d. The UN Commander adopt and announce the policy proposed by the JCS (and as approved by the NSC).

5. Recommendation:

Approval and dispatch of the attached drafted letter to General Bradley.

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Acting Chief, Plans Division

Attachment: Proposed memorandum for General Bradley from DCI

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